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Mr. Les Whitten
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Dear Les,

If Gary Cohen tried to phone me yesterday afternoon, I'm sorry he couldn't reach me. Almost as soon as we finished speaking the phone was uninterruptedly busy until after 7 on an unwelcome consultancy to which I agreed last year.

I was able to call the Enquirer before this started. The man with whom I've been dealing is away for a short while. However, I should know before long.

When we spoke I was unaware that the Church committee had realeased these 1,000 pages on domestic intelligence.

They do not regard me as "press" so I do not expect to be able to get them. If you canXX without too much trouble I'd appreciate it. Let me know any cost and I'll xxxxx repay promptly.

Having these records may put me in a position to help others, maybe even you. I have done some original work in this field and may also be able to pinpoint withholdings more than I can now in my own efforts to obtain the files on me. With the CIA as of now I can specify units with files not searched and even prove they were not searched. They have elected to stonewall, so as soon as Lesar has time, if they have not complied, I'll file. Without support we'll be able to do much. With support I'm confident enormously more. However, I believe the hangups will preclude any real support from those like the ACLU.

For months the FBI pretended I had not made any request, to the point where letters were drafted for Kelley's signature saying none had been made. After this happened I nudged them, they acknowledged it not over Kelley's signature, and I'm waiting. I don't think they'll comply voluntarily, however.

My present schedule will have me in Washington, probably for overnight at Jim's, sometime about or after the middle of next week. I'll then be returning from New York. The major need then can be interrupted if there is anything about which you would like to talk to me. Or Gary. I'll be going over an affidavit to be filed in one of my cases. It will charge and prove FBI false swearing. I did a draft, Jim is revising it to support the legal needs as he sees them.

I expect to be there beginning on the 23rd to go over files that are xxxxxxxxd supposed to have been searched for what I've asked for by then. How long I'll stay with Jim will depend on the amount of stonewalling there is. I'll be there again for a calendar call in a suit 10 a.m. the 26th.

Thanks if you can help. As soon as I get what you said you'd send I'll forward a set to my contact, who may also be yours through Gary. If there are any costs, just let me know.

Best,

Harold Weisberg